



# ★ The Bulletin ★

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## Term 4 Week 8

### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

A wonderful day was had by 1/5F and 5/6OT at Oakdale Farm last Friday. The children and teachers reported that it was 'awesome' as they got to interact closely with the animals and they enjoyed a tractor ride around the farm. A great experience for our students.

A transport survey has been issued to all families in order for our new school to determine the need for a State Transit bus run for 2013. It is important to return this in order for the correct arrangements to be made to get our children to school safely, *so please return your survey.....*

Our 'Going to Big School' early learning program has been a wonderful program this year aimed at improving the school readiness of our incoming Kinder students. Miss McGee is very proud of her graduates who only have one session to go after today's program. They have all ordered their new Wiripaang uniforms and are ready to go!

Student end of year reports are currently being finalised and teachers have spent many hours preparing them so that you have accurate information about your child's progress. A Progressive Assessment Folder was issued to all students with the half yearly report cards, storing work samples and assessment tasks. Students should have returned these folders to their teacher. If they have not returned the folders their work will come home in a manila folder. Parents should, after each report period empty the folder and send it back to school for the next semester.

We will be offering a service to the community on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, where parents/carers may make an appointment if they wish to access an explanation of their child's report, or the reporting system. Alternatively parents/ carers are always welcome to make an appointment with their child's class teacher to discuss their child's report.

Don't forget our community forum to discuss and plan for the future of our new school, Wiripaang Public – 1pm Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December at Windale Bowling Club in the Weller Room....the more voices we have the better our vision for the future will be.

Yours in Education

**Mrs Lee Saurins**  
Principal

### Positive Affirmation – Be Responsible

Our positive affirmation this week is: **'I exercise and play sport to keep my body strong.'** This affirmation is about our school value...**'Be Responsible.'** It tells us that we have a responsibility to THINK about our bodies. We should be grateful to have a fully working body and we should respect that. Children are supposed to be active so make sure you are getting lots of exercise; run, jump, ride a bike, swim, join a sporting team or just practise ball skills with a tennis ball. Get outside, move around heaps, play a game....**have fun!!**



### Important dates...

Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Milo Cricket
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> Dec	P&C AGM 10am
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Presentation Day
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Year 6 Farewell
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Gold Award Day
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day of School



Ready to go to Oakdale!

## Transport Survey

A transport survey has been issued to families to gather information about travel to school in 2013. This is necessary to gather information to investigate the need for bus transport for our students, particularly our new friends from Gateshead West. A bus education program will be implemented with children travelling on the bus with adult supervision and guidance being key features in establishing key safe and efficient journeys for our children. Students who bring disrepute to the school and their families with poor behavior on the bus will be suspended from the transport system as State Transit sees fit. Please return your surveys as soon as possible ...thanks.

Please make sure you have returned your survey so we can organise bus transport for 2013 based on need.

## FOR SALE

For sale.....one German piano...in good condition....just needs tuning....  
very reasonable price...please contact Kim on 4943 4357.



## On parenting.....

### Copying and plagiarism

Copying other people's work and presenting it as your own is plagiarism. It's an increasingly common problem in the online world where material can easily be copied and pasted from websites. Students need to acknowledge the ideas of others when they use them in projects, assignments and assessments. Find out more:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/copycats-beware>

### Help your kids enjoy reading

How do you make reading a joy and not a chore for your child? One way is to find information and interesting facts about things that intrigue or interest your child in books, magazines or on the internet. Read and talk about what you find out. Here are some other tips: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/ten-ideas-to-help-your-child-with-reading>



Bike safety....



Our baby chickens are growing up and are slowly starting to move into their new chicken coup...bawk, bawk.....)

### **Gateshead is currently working towards: Be at School!**

It is vital that parents and students understand the importance of being at school. The DEC determines that attendance under 85% is detrimental to a child's learning.

Be on time- school starts at 9am- a child who is half an hour late each date will miss out on a year's schooling in the education journey.

We are doing great things in our class rooms – **it's important to be here.**

**Please respond to SMS  
each day or send in a  
note to tell us why your  
child is away from  
school.**



### **HATS**

Parents and carers are reminded that NSW Public Schools have a Sunsmart policy that encourages children to wear a hat each day to play in the playground.

Students are expected to wear a hat in the breaks at school and we do adhere to a 'no hat no play' policy.

This is for the protection of your child's skin against damaging UV rays.

Please make sure that your child **has a hat to wear each day**. School hats are available to purchase in from the office **at half price - \$5.00**

### **Communication**

In today's busy world, sometimes it's hard to find time to visit or call the school when you wish to contact one of our staff members. We know that sometimes you have important information for us as we share a common interest- your child.

Please know that you may email the school with your enquiry and if you attention it to a particular staff member our office will then forward it on for you. Our school email address is; [gateshead-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:gateshead-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)



## Science Fun Day!

Science Day was held on Wednesday the 14<sup>th</sup> of November. It was an incredibly successful day full of amazing science experiments which urged the students to ask the question "Why is it so?"

Below are some of 1/2T's recounts of their enjoyable experiences:

It was 'Science Day' yesterday. In the morning we made slime. It was slimy.

Then Hunter Sports High came and we went around the COLA to see AMAZING experiments.

In the afternoon, we saw a show called 'The Jolly Bops'.

It was a great day.

Lachlan



Yesterday it was 'Science Day' at Gateshead Public School.

In the morning each class made an experiment. We made yucky, green slime.

Then Hunter Sports High students came to show us their amazing experiments. My favourite was the rockets.

Finally, in the afternoon 'The Jolly Bops' came. There was Rusty the Robot and Professor Science.

It was an incredible day.

Elijah

Yesterday was, Gateshead Public School's big, exciting science day, FULL OF EXPLOSIONS!!!!

In the morning we made disgusting, gooey slime. To make it you will need to get some borax, white glue, water and food dye and mix it altogether. After we made slime we watched the experiments that other classes made. My favourite was watching 3/6AM make an explosion.

Then Hunter Sports High students came and did some crazy experiments for us. I saw things really small under a microscope and a rocket shoot up.

Finally, 'The Jolly Bops' came to school and performed some incredible science experiments. We saw a smoke machine Rusty the Robot.

It was the best day ever!

Reilly



Yesterday was 'Science Day' at Gateshead Public School.

In the morning we made disgusting, gooey, SLIME. Then we had to show our experiment in front of the whole school. Mrs Matheson's experiment was really cool.

After that, the high school students came to GPS. They showed us how to do 8 amazing experiments that were really fun. My favourite was the rocket.

Finally, 'The Jolly Bops' performed in the hall and they did science things. There was a professor and a robot.

It was a great day.

Christopher



### Money Matters

Event	Cost	Payment Due
PCYC Windale	\$5.00 Deposit \$30.00 Balance	26 <sup>th</sup> October 23 <sup>rd</sup> November
Year 6 Farewell (Year 5 Students Only)	\$15	NOW

### Women's Weaving Unification Project

Inspired by the traditional Aboriginal weaving technique 'coiling' practiced in this region; communities from both Gateshead and Gateshead West Public schools have united to create this art work 'Unification'. The workshops were held over three days, 30<sup>th</sup> October, 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> November. Each participant involved in the workshops learnt about the tradition and had the opportunity to contribute to the art work, blending our two communities together. Each piece is unique and equally important as each family who participated will be attending our new school, Wiripaang Public School.

Any parents who haven't contributed to the art work please bring in your contribution, no matter how big or small and I am sure Miranda or Linda would be able to connect it to the bigger piece.  
A huge thank you to the workshop facilitator, Cherie Johnson for her contribution in our school unification process.



## P&C News

### Christmas Hamper Raffle

The P&C are organising a Christmas Hamper Raffle. Any donations of non-perishable good would be greatly appreciated and can be handed into the office.

Children will be rewarded with a cool card for any donations received!

Raffle ticket books will be distributed to each student to sell.

Tickets will be sold for 50c each or 3 for \$1 and will be drawn of Presentation Day.



## Canteen News

For the remaining three weeks of Term 4 the canteen will begin opening for recess.

They will be selling ice blocks, drinks, chips and lollies. No hot food will be available for purchase during recess.



## Community News



**Whitebridge Uniting Church**  
**Cnr Dudley & Bullsgarden Roads**

### Kid's Fun Club Christmas Workshop

**Wednesday 5th December, 2012**

(Children in Years K - 6)

**4pm - 7.30pm**

**Cost \$5**

(includes Dinner & Craft)

Registrations & payment essential by 1/12/12

All enquires please phone:

**4944 7826 - Laraine**

Or **4908 1083 - Cathy**

Post form & payment to:-

**Charlestown Uniting Church**

**P O Box 449**

**Charlestown. 2290**

**Office Opening Hours:**

Tues; Wed; Frid:  
9:30 - 1pm



**MINIMBAH LOCAL AECG**  
(Aboriginal Education Consultative Group)

*Parents & Community members are encouraged to come along.*

The AECG is an Aboriginal community based organisation made up of volunteer members.  
Your Local AECG is your link to bettering Aboriginal Education outcomes.

All people involved or interested in Aboriginal Education are encouraged to become members of their Local AECG. This will contribute to improving outcomes for all of our students.

*The AECG's focus is on communities having input into Aboriginal Education.*

*We strive to empower our communities to become involved in all levels of Education & Training.*

Minimbah Local AECG's next meeting is on:  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
6pm

At Windale Public School  
Milabah- Schools as Community Centre

For further information  
Please contact

Roselea Newburn  
President

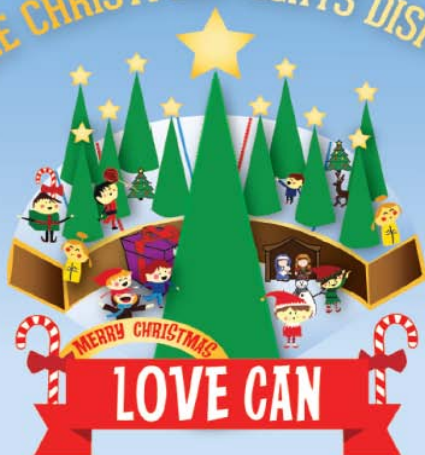
Minimbah Local AECG

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Thursday 14 Feb 2013 at 7:30 PM

316 Squadron, Bullecourt Barracks

Military Rd Adamstown. Ph 0437 409 525

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